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Environment and Enforcement Committee

Winter Maintenance Local Plan

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Wards Affected: *All*

This report is: *Public*

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 In the event of adverse weather conditions during the winter, a winter maintenance local plan is activated. This report outlines the steps to be followed in such an event.
- 1.2 The main actions will be to ensure minimal disruption to the waste and recycling collection services, and to offer support to the Essex County Council's gritting activities.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 **That the Committee approve the Winter Maintenance Local Plan for 2018/19.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee agree to delegate authority to the Director of Operations on issues concerning the deployment of resources.**

3. Introduction and Background

- 3.1 The Environment, Housing and Community Panel – 17 November 2010 – considered, and commented, on a report concerning winter operations and since this time it has been periodically updated by Members.
- 3.2 The winter operations report was subsequently reported to the Environment, Housing and Community Panel 1 February 2011, Environment Panel 18 September 2012 and the Community Services Committee 23 July 2013.

4. Issue, Options and Analysis of Options

- 4.1 The plan is required to inform Officers and Members on the procedures to be followed in the event of adverse weather conditions during the winter months.
- 4.2 The plan advises on the steps to be taken with reference to the waste and recycling collections, and to the co-ordination of gritting activities that support Essex County Council.
- 4.3 The waste and recycling collections will be supported by all required operational staff to maintain an exemplary record for collections. It should be noted that there may be occasions when the Council will have to suspend/amend collection services subject to prior risk assessments.
- 4.4 The following priorities for domestic and trade waste and recycling collections will be followed:
 - 1. Residual waste collections.
 - 2. Mixed dry recycling, food waste and mixed glass.
 - 3. Garden waste.
- 4.5 It should be noted that the gritting of the roads is an Essex County Council function, operated by Essex Highways. The network of roads salted includes: 'A' roads (excluding the A12), 'B' roads, a primary road that links a rural settlement of over 50 houses to the main salting network, roads serviced by at least four public bus services per day for five days per week or more and roads that allow ambulance and fire stations access to the main salting network.
- 4.6 Additionally, Essex County Council have established the Salt Bag Partnership; where a one tonne of bagged salt is available to every Parish Council and County Council Member whose ward covers urban unparished areas. Salt bins are also provided along the highway for use by the local community.
- 4.7 Brentwood Borough Council's available Operational staff will be mobilised to support the work of Essex Highways by salting prioritised footway areas or the physical clearing of snow from prioritised footways. Ten tonnes of salt is expected to be provided by Essex County Council for this purpose.
- 4.8 'Appendix A' details the prioritised footway areas.

- 4.9 As with previous winters, requests for assistance in other areas will be considered whenever possible, however, this will be subject to available staff, health and safety, and the availability of salt.
- 4.10 Good communication is integral to the success of the plan and the Director of Operations, and operational staff when appropriate, will keep the Council's Communications Team and the Chair of The Environment and Enforcement Committee updated on a daily basis.

5. Reasons for Recommendation

- 5.1 Members are requested to approve the recommendations to ensure that effective decision making is undertaken within the framework of a structured approach.

6. References to Corporate Plan

- 6.1 The approval of the recommendations will benefit the street scene and environment.

7. Implications

Financial Implications

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- 7.1 The Winter maintenance Local Plan is currently met within existing budgets of the medium term financial plan. Although depending on how heavy winter we have, may determine any future financial impacts and whether extra resources would be required. Variances will be reported to Project, Policy & Resources Committee, as part of budget monitoring.

Legal Implications

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- 7.2 The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 puts a duty on borough/district councils to plan for incidents that may have an adverse effect on the community. By approving the recommendation in this report that duty will be complied with.

8. Appendices to this report

- Appendix A

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